GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1137
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SEIZURE OF FISHING BOATS BY PMSA
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide financial assistance such as insurance or loan for the replacement of the boats of Indian fishermen seized/captured by Pakistan Marine Security Agency (PMSA); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Yes. The Finance Ministry is to work with the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Department of Animal Husbandry to develop a suitable soft loan package for the replacement of fishing boats.